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1. GIVEN FACT THAT 32ND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION NOW HAS BULGARIAN VICE CHAIRMAN, DCM CALLED ON ACTING CHIEF OF MFA AMERICAS DEPARTMENT KARADJOV FEBRUARY 25 TO ENSURE THERE BE NO DOUBT AS TO IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO PUERTO RICAN QUESTION. HE REFERRED TO AMBASSADOR'S PREVIOUS REPRESENTATIONS (REFS C AND D) AND WENT THROUGH MAIN POINTS OF DEPT'S A-7654 (1975).

2. DCM THEN RECALLED TO

ZHIVKOV'S STATEMENT TO DEPUTY SECRETARY THAT WHEN GOB CANNOT ABSTAIN IT WILL AT LEAST KEEP SILENT (REF D), NOTING THE IMPORTANCE WITH WHICH USG VIEWS STATEMENT AND EXPRESSING HOPE THAT APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS HAD FOLLOWED FROM IT. NOTING THAT PENCHEV IS NOW VICE CHAIRMAN OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, DCM EMPHASIZED THAT ACTIONS WHICH BULGARIAN DELEGATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAKE WITH RESPECT TO PUERTO RICO WILL IMPORTANTLY

AFFECT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. KARADJOV SAID HE WOULD REPORT REPRESENTATION TO MFA LEADERSHIP WHICH WOULD DECIDE ON POLICY AND INSTRUCT BULGARIAN DELEGATION. HE POINTED OUT BULGARIA HAS NEVER TAKEN LEAD IN RAISING PR QUESTION, BUT WHEN RAISED BY OTHERS GOB MUST ACT ACCORDING TO ITS PRINCIPLES. HOWEVER THAT DID NOT PRECLUDE ABSTENTIONS, KEEPING QUIET, OR "OTHER ACTIONS THAT DO NOT COME TO THE SURFACE."

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